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SUBJ: IMPACT PACKAGE F.A.R. MODERNIZATION/MOROCCO

REF: A. PARTAIN REPORT DAMO-1A, 14 FEB 74.

B. MUSLO AFCC 1618 171527Z APR 74 (NOTAL)

C. CINCEUR ECJ7-0 7068 191642Z APR 74.

1. PLEASED TO NOTE ACTIVE APPROACH BY J-7 EUCOM IN SUPPORT OF
FAR MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (REF C).

2. IN EFFORT TO BOTAIN MAXIMUM VISIBILITY FOR AN CONSIDERATION OF
"IMPACT PACKAGE" BELIEVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPROPRIATE IN REFE-
RENCE TO CONTENT PROPOSED BY THAT MESSAGE (REF C).

A. SUFFICIENT TOW TO INITIATE TRAINING WOULD PRODUCE DESIRED
RESULTS. CONCUR.

B. EQUIPMENT FOR NUCLEUS OF ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY WOULD
NOT CREATE APPRECIABLE IMPACT. THE FAR ALREADY HAS THE M-113
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER IN ITS INVENTORY AND THE QUANTITY IN
THIS PROPOSAL WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ONLY EITHTTEEN (18).
UNLESS THE QUANTITY DELIVERED AS PART OF THE IMPACT PACKAGE
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IS SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER, BELIEVE EFFECT WILL BE LOST.

3. SINCE REFERENCE B WAS NOT ADDRESSED TO STATE, BELIEVE IT BENEFICIAL TO RELAY PARTIAL TEXT THAT MESSAGE TO YOU FYI:

QUOTE 2. (C) IMPORTANT ADHERE TO BUILDING BLOCK APPROACH SUGGESTED IN PARTAIN REPORT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CREATE SIGNIFICANT INITIAL IMPACT OF US RESPONSIVENESS. RECOGNIZING CONSIDERABLE REFINEMENT REQUIRED, SUGGEST FOLLOWING ACTIONS MIGHT BE TAKEN (FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT) PRIOR TO LATE MAY MEETING KING HASSAN II AND PRESIDENT: A. IMMEDIATE DISPATCH OF MTT CONDUCT DETAILED TRAINING EVALUATION AND TO PROGRAM TRAINING PATH FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM. B. IMMEDIATE DISPATCH OF MTT TO EVALUATE FAR LOGISTICS CAPABILITY TO RECEIVE AND RECEIPT EQUIPMENT SHIPMENTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUGMENTATION AS NECESSARY. C. IMMEDIATE ACQUISITION OF SUFFICIENT MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT (M-113 & V-150) TO EQUIP MECHANIZED INFANTRY REGIMENT (BATTALION) AS EXPRESSED IN PHASE I OF PARTAIN REPORT. D. IMMEDIATE ACQUISITION OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT (M-60 TANKS) NECESSARY TO EQUIP TWO TANK COMPANIES WHICH LATER COULD PROVIDE REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY FOR THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY REGIMENT. (NOTE THIS IS PART OF PHASE III OF PARTAIN REPORT).

3. (C) RATIONALE FOR THIS APPROACH: A. MAKE AVAILABLE ENOUGH HARDWARE IN COUNTRY TO ILLUSTRATE POSITIVE INTENT TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. B. HAVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE, ENRICH, AND MOTIVATE CADRE TRAINING. C. CREASE NECESSITY FOR EARLY MOROCCAN INVESTMENT WHICH WOULD CLEARLY INDICATE DECLARATION OF INTENT TO FOLLOW THROUGH. D. CREATE DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT PRIOR TO MEETING BETWEEN KING HASSAN II AND PRESIDENT, THEREBY ALLOWING MEETING TAKE PLACE WITH SOME PROGRESS ALREADY REALIZED.

4. (C) WE RECOGNIZE IT IMPORTANT TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH EQUIPMENT WILL BE IN COUNTRY FOR EXCESSIVE PERIOD WITHOUT SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL SKILLS WHICH WHICH TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN. HOWEVER, BELIEVE VALUE OF STARTING PROGRAM IN ACTION ATMOSPHERE PLUS REASONS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, WARRANT EARLY DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. END OF QUOTE.

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4. FRENCH FMS INITIATIVES TO SELL THE VXB ARMORED CAR HAVE CONTINUED AT HIGH PACE. ONE VEHICLE WAS FERRIED TO CASABLANCA ARRIVING ON 12 MARCH. IT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS OF HIGH TROOP CONCENTRATION IN MOROCCO. DATT REPORTS THAT TESTING OF VEHICLE WAS TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-APRIL. ADDITIONALLY, EFFORTS TO SELL AMX 30 CONTINUE. NOT CLEAR HOW WELL INFORMED FRENCH ARE ON EXACT CONTENT OF TAT REPORT BUT DATT HAS INDICATIONS THAT EITHER THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFOR-

MATION ABOUT IT OR HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY MOROCCANS WITH
SAME PROPOSALS MADE TO US.

5. GENUINELY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT GIVEN US THUS FAR.
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT RESPONSIVENESS IS THE KEY. THIS
PROGRAM IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO AFFECT U.S. POSITION IN
MOROCCO FOR CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
IMPORTANT TO ACT NOW BEFORE ADVANTAGES EARNED THUS FAR
CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDES.
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